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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS AMBASSADOR WHITE'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE SUB-
COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 58520

1. LEADING DAILY "ABC" MARCH 7 CARRIES AP STORY FROM WASHINGTON
ON AMBASSADOR WHITE'S TESTIMONY REGARDING AID TO PARAGUAY BEFORE
THE LONG SUB-COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS. THE ARTICLE NOTED
THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE IS STUDYING THE PROPOSAL FOR AN 8.1 MILLION
DOLLAR FY 1979 AID PROGRAM.

2. QUOTING THE AMBASSADOR, THE ARTICLE SAYS: "THE GOVERNMENT
OF PARAGUAY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS HUMAN
RIGHTS AND U.S. AID TO PARAGUAY TO BE INTER-RELATED." IT CON-
TINUES: "I HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT THAT
WITHOUT PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT
TO CONTINUE U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE."

3. THE ARTICLE ENDS WITH A STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE LONG
THAT IF HE SEES THERE ARE GOOD INTENTIONS, HE IS INCLINED TO
ENCOURAGE FLEXIBILITY. THE ARTICLE WAS CARRIED NEXT TO A
STORY REPORTING THAT THE OAS HAD HANDED OVER REPORTS ON THE HUMAN
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RIGHTS SITUATIONS IN URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY TO THEIR AMBASSADORS
TO THE OAS.

4. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, I GAVE NO
TESTIMONY BEFORE THE LONG SUB-COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
OPERATIONS. I DID HAVE AN EXTENDED CONVERSATION
WITH REPRESENTATIVE LONG IN HIS OFFICE ON MONDAY,

MARCH 6. THE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO ME ARE CORRECT
AND I SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED CONGRESSMAN LONG TO
QUOTE ME. THE HAVE CONGRESSMAN LONG DISCUSS PARAGUAY
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 1979 AID PROGRAM IS USEFUL TO
US AS WE SEEK TO CONVINCE THE GOVERNMENT THAT THERE
EXISTS A CORRELATION BETWEEN THEIR PERFORMANCE AND
OUR COOPERATION.
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